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Housing Related Parks Program

Financial Incentives for Cities and Counties



The Housing Related Parks Program, funded through the passage of Proposition 1C creates incentives and rewards local governments for building affordable housing with grant money for much needed parks in their communities. The Parks Program seeks to reward local governments for approving much needed affordable housing for families and workers in their communities and reflects the Department's goal of working in partnership with local governments to address statewide housing needs.

Summary of Eligibility Criteria:

- Housing Element compliance
- Submittal of Annual Progress Report on the implementation of the Housing Element
- Approval of eligible units affordable to lower-income households with documentation of a completed first inspection during the program year

Calculating Grant Awards:

- \$200 million available in total program funds, anticipate six annual funding rounds beginning in 2010 based on accomplishments in 2009.
- Grant awards based on the number of bedrooms in newly constructed ownership and rental housing units affordable to very low- and low-income households
- Jurisdictions may be eligible for bonus awards for the following:
 - units affordable to extremely low-income households
 - units developed as infill projects
 - jurisdictions demonstrating their progress in increasing their overall supply of housing
 - park projects which will serve disadvantaged communities, are located within park deficient communities or within a jurisdiction included in an adopted regional blueprint plan

Use of Funds:

Grant funds may be used for the creation, development, or rehabilitation of park and recreation facilities, including, but not limited to, the acquisition of land, sport play fields, informal play areas, non-motorized recreational trails, play structures, outdoor recreation, community gardens and landscaping.

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